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1. OVER THE WEEKEND I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ABOUT HIS RECENT VISITS TO EGYPT AND LEBANON. HE SAID THAT MOST OF HIS BUSINESS THERE WAS BILATERAL OR LINKED TO HIS EFFORTS TO BROADEN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE GREEK POSITION ON CYPRUS AND VIS-A-VIS TURKEY.

2. HOWEVER, HE DID ASK ME TO PASS ON TO YOU PERSONALLY THE HIGH PRAISE THAT HE HEARD OF YOU AND YOUR EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHEREVER HE WENT. HE SAID HE WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT HE ALSO TRIED TO BE AS HELPFUL TO YOU AS HE COULD, BOTH IN HIS PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN AND LEBANESE OFFICIALS AND IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS. I SAID I KNEW YOU WOULD APPRECIATE THIS AND THANKED HIM IN YOUR BEHALF.

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